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Champion Reef

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May it please your highness,

I have heard with considerable anxietyvery strange things since Ila st wrote to Bombay.

First is this.Mr bannerji was very unpopular in cochin and worked against the Raja,forced him with the active help of the madras govt to abdicate and put the younger man on the throne.It is said that Yuvaraja would do likewise with the help of some of his European friendsin Mysore.It is a very great mistake to have an outsider.

Seond is this.Mr.Cooke told me that your garden party affair in Bombay was a disgrace to Mysore. There was neither tea,nor sugar nor biscuit available for a large majority of guests.You must severely punish the men responsible for such a sad state of affairs. I hear that your servants made heaps of money in the Bombay and other trrips.please see the detailed accounts.

Third is this.There is considerable discontent in the service owing to your highness nonbrahmin tendencies.I am a nonbrahmin but stii having moved with Rungacharlu and Seshadri Iyer I admire good brahmins They work hard,they are loyal,they are intelligent and they are pious and charitableand morally pure.

we have not got the brains of the brahminsand moreover it it is the brahmins that worked for the rendition of Mysore.Your highness has got only dunces in your office and in the palace and first rate flatterers. When your hihghness employs the first thing to see

is merit and efficiency for spending peoples money.Look at the British government.They wanted members for executive council thet tried non brahmins and they were useless.and had to employ brahmins see Madras bombayand NBengalThey have all brahmins.We must give the devil his due .there are good and bad people in every community and and only the good and capable men must be employed to advance the interests of the state.The nonbrahmin officers are behaving most ludicrously as magistrates and executive officersand have told them it is a disgrace.to us I am going to Nanjangood and will close the letter there

Nanjangood 18th

Fourth is this.It appears there is criminal intimacy between Cimonelli amotor driver and third princess.It is a deep shame.why does your highness entertain such rotters in service.Is there no one in mysore mechanical engineering to dirive your car.It is raghavendra raos folly folly and mirzas stupidity.Thumboochetty was telling my young nephew theat Shah was a dunce and mismanaged every thing he put his hand on.Perhaps wanted that if he had a relationnear your highness he would screen himself from his vices and follies.Relations will never make your administration a successand you will not know the truth. You must have independent men.send Shah and that prig Balarajaurs away from your office and keep honest upright and conscientious men and not flatterers immediately about you and you will altogether be a different ruler.

Fifth is this.There is very scandalous talk about the mcganns staying so long.they are speaking all sorts of female court diseases among their european friends.In

In fact they have written so to england.I am really sorry to hear thisand it makes me cry.You really do not know who sincerely we and loyally works to your interests and you have none such.You have only boys with no cultured and british training.They cannot understand the political significance of what they read in newspapersand your highness will do well to read the leader in the Daily Post of the 16th instant i have just read here.

Sixth is this It is sickening to hear tahat an ursoo boy lately threw fecal matter on the superintendent in the ursoo boarding school.Is it not a shame to your hig hness that your community is subjected to that reproach.There is neither nobility nor gentlemanliness anywhere in Mysore service where magnificent show is predominant. and the state is going downward and might slip from your hand.any day. As I have already told your highness,your office must be reformedboth in the upper and lower establishments.A muhammadan had usurped the throne and a nonmysorean about your grandfather made the state go out of hand.Your Highness must use deep judgment

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Se venthly,

There is considerable disaffection in the treatment given to your highness representative assembly members as guests and europeans who are treated right royally though they are not ~~weth~~--worth it.your highness must e enlist the sympathies of your subjectsnow and there is none about you who knows ~~neanne-who~~ anything about management and entertainment of guestsand you must give thought to this as several Kolar members have spoken to me.

I am too old but must tell uo what facts i hear having eaten your highness salt i am going back to gold fields,

Your highness most loyal subject